



## **STBA Social Session Policy:**

**Session Manager:** The person as designated by STBA Management who is overseeing the social session.

**STBA Committee:** The management Committee of the STBA as elected per the STBA Constitution.

**STBA Management:** The umbrella term for the STBA Committee, STBA Staff or any individual or group to which the STBA Committee has delegated authority to manage the specific matter in question.

**STBA Staff:** An individual who is employed by the STBA.

### **Social Sessions**

- 1) A social session is a session for the public to meet new players and play some social games amongst each other.
- 2) The social sessions require no prior registration, rather just to arrive on the day.
- 3) The current social sessions available at the STBA are:
  - a. The Tuesday Intermediate After Work Session
  - b. The Thursday Beginner After Work Session
  - c. The Saturday Veterans Sessions ('Vets Session')
- 4) Each session will run weekly on their respective days, unless otherwise prescribed by the STBA Committee.
- 5) The attendance fee must be paid in advance of partaking in the session, as set by the STBA Committee.
  - a. The STBA Committee reserves the right to adjust the price of this session if it is deemed necessary.
- 6) The attendance fee for the session will be paid to STBA Staff at the STBA Reception prior to participating in the session.
- 7) Players must only attend the session that they are eligible to attend (see section 9).

### **Format**

- 8) At STBA Social Session all players must:
  - a. Play doubles games.
    - i. Unless the Session Manager deems it appropriate to play singles games.
  - b. Play one set to 21 points.
    - i. Unless the Session Manager deems it appropriate to play multiple sets.
  - c. Leave the court at the end of their set (subject to section 2(e)(i)) and provide other players with an equal opportunity to play.

### **Player Eligibility**

- 9) Players must only attend the social sessions that they are eligible to attend, including:
  - a. Tuesday After Work Session, for intermediate players rated Pennant Competition Division three or of an equivalent level.

- i. Where a player is unsure of their skill level they may attend this session and notify the Session Manager who will then monitor their play and inform them whether this session is best suited for them.
  - ii. Where a Session Manager deems a
- b. Thursday After Work Session, for new players and beginner players rated Pennant Competition Division four or of an equivalent level.
  - i. Where a player is unsure of their skill level they may attend this session and notify the Session Manager who will then monitor their play and inform them whether this session is best suited for them.
- c. Saturday Veterans Session, for players aged over 35 years old.

### **Shuttle Usage**

- 10) Shuttles for STBA social sessions are included as part of the session.
- 11) Players must not request a new shuttle unless their current shuttle is deemed unusable.
  - a. The Session Manager has the final say as to the usability of a shuttle.

### **Player Etiquettes**

- 12) All players must:
  - a. Participate in STBA Social Sessions with a friendly and welcoming manner.
  - b. Encourage new players to join in if they are looking lost or unsure of where to play.
  - c. Not delay the flow of games by providing advice or coaching. Feel free to talk to each other off court but please ensure you are not making players feel uncomfortable.
  - d. Not argue with the Session Manager or any other members of STBA Management, as their decision on any matter is final.
    - i. If a player believes they have been unfairly treated by a Session Manager, this should be communicated in written form to STBA Management.
    - ii. STBA Management will respond to the issue within a reasonable period of time.

### **Session Cancellations**

- 13) Where STBA Management is required to cancel a social session prior to the session running, players will be informed at the earliest possible time.
- 14) Where STBA Management is required to cancel a social session during the session due to unforeseen circumstances, players will be entitled to free entry to a future social session.

### **Breaches**

- 15) Continued breaches of this Social Session Policy may result in the offending player(s) being blacklisted from social session attendance or any other penalty as deemed necessary by STBA Management.
  - a. If a player is blacklisted, this means that they are banned from attending social sessions to an extent as prescribed by the STBA Committee.